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1. USIS BELGRADE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT AND USIA ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO YUGOSLAVIA DURING MAIN BELGRADE CSCE MEETING THIS FALL WHO ARE WILLING TO BE PROGRAMMED AS LECTURERS OR SPEAKERS WHILE IN YUGOSLAVIA. ANTICIPATE THAT FAIRLY LARGE NUMBERS OF PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN LEGISLATORS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WILL REPRESENT EXTRAORDINARILY RICH POOL OF TALENT WHICH EMBASSY BELGRADE UNWILLING SEE REMAIN UNTAPPED. ENGAGEMENTS WOULD NOT BE SCHEDULED SO THAT THEY INTERFERE WITH SUBSTANTIVE PARTICIPATION NPN THE CSCE MEETING ITSELF, BUT WOULD BE A CAREFULLY COORDINATED ANCILLARY ACTIVITY DESIGNED TO ENHANCE, RATHER THAN DETRACT FROM, OUR OVERALL CSCE PARTICIPATION.

2. WE FORESEE POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING SPEAKERS AS FORMAL LECTURERS AT FACULTIES OF VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, AS PANELISTS IN ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS, OR AS PARTICIPANTS IN SMALL, INFORMAL GROUP
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DISCUSSIONS; MODE AND LOCALE DEPENDING ON FIELD OF EXPERTISE AND INCLINATION OF INDIVIDUAL. CONSIDER THIS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RECRUIT TOP YUGOSLAV AUDIENCES TO HEAR HIGHLY EXPERT AMERICANS ON SUCH TOPICS AS DISARMAMENT, ECONOMICS, AND POLITICAL RELATIONS.

3. THE HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGE OVER A BROAD SPECTRUM WHICH

THIS KIND OF PROGRAMMING COULD ENGENDER IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE DIRECT ACTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR INTERESTS. NOT ONLY IS IT A CHANCE TO PROGRAM SPEIXERS IN UFPPOPT OF PRIORITY COUNTRY OBJECTIVES, BUT IT MAY ALSO HAVE A SALUTARY EFFECT ON OUR YUGOSLAV HOSTS BY BRINGING THEM FACE TO FACE WITH THE REALITIES OF CSCE, INCLUDING FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ANY ROSTER DEPARTMENT AND USIA ABLE TO DEVELOP AT THIS TIME LIKELY TO BE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT WE GET PRELIMINARY READING ASAP. WE HAVE HAD GENERAL INDICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN DESK OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN CO-SCHEDULING SPEAKERS.
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